

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS DAY

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, CHD is the most common birth defect and is the leading cause of defect-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, more than 40,000 infants are born each year with heart defects in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 infants are born each year with heart defects in North Carolina making it the most commonly occurring birth defect in the state; and

WHEREAS, CHD occurs at even higher rates in the rural western mountains and eastern regions of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, with familiarity of the disorder, more diagnoses are being made of what was not long ago thought to be an extremely rare disorder and not repairable; and

WHEREAS, citizens of North Carolina should be made more aware of CHD so that early diagnosis, intervention, developmental follow-up and prevention becomes top priority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2006, as "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS DAY" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to commend this observance.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.